10 June 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting in Executive Session With Foreign Operations and
Government Information Subcommittee, 10 June 1964,
On Use of the Polygraph

1. Agency representatives met in executive session with the
Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee of
House Government Operations Committee on Agency use of the
polygraph with the following Committee members in attendance:

Representative John Moss, Chairman
Representative Henry S. Reuss
Representative John S. Monagan
Representative George Meader
Representative Ogden R. Reid
Samuel Archibald, Staff Director
Benny Kass, Counsel
Jack Matteson, Chief Investigator
David Glick, Chief Counsel
Vincent Augliere, Chief Adviser
Raymond Collins, Minority Staff Member

Agency representatives present were:

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Robert L. Bannerman, Director of Security
Deputy Director of Security

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Chief, Polygraph Division, Office of Security
Dr. John R. Tietjen, Chief, Medical Staff
Deputy Assistant Director, R&D

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Assistant Legislative Counsel

2. A transcript of the morning session was recorded by the
following House reporters:

Lanham Connor
Joe Gimelli
C. Dudley

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3. After the Agency representatives were sworn in by the Committee Chairman, the session began with the reading of a prepared statement by Mr. Bannerman. In the absence of the Staff Director, who was late in arriving due to an emergency appendectomy of a youngster, the agreed format of the prepared statement and the questioning by the Committee following the lines used in the staff briefing of 7 May was immediately breached by Mr. Meader. In consequence, the prepared statement was interrupted continuously by questions out of context. Mr. Moss, the Chairman, pressed rather strongly through the moring on the question of lack of scientific studies to verify the use of the polygraph instrument or instruments in detecting truth or falsity. His manner, and that of the Committee, however, was not unfriendly. With the return to the agreed procedures tomorrow morning, we may anticipate a more orderly development of Agency use of the polygraph, its history within the Agency, our procedures, our selection and training of polygraph examiners, coordination of programs within the Agency, and R&D in being and that which is programmed.

4. With regard to the second paragraph of III, POLICIES, page 2 of the prepared statement, which reads "No person will be polygraphed who has a history of serious cardiac trouble, a serious physiological deformity or who has a serious physical or personal problem at the time," Mr. Meader requested the following information with regard to applicants for employment to the Agency:

      A. the percentage of applicants excluded from employment on grounds other than polygraph before reaching the state in processing where they would be polygraphed

      B. those excluded as a result of polygraph examination

      C. percentage of those applicants excluded from employment for reasons other than polygraph after polygraph examination

With regard to the final sentence of the first paragraph of IV, PROCEDURES, appearing at the top of page 3, which reads as follows: "Thus, the number of applicants or employees who are accorded polygraph examinations and who from a medical point of view have anyppsychological or physiological problems is very minimal," Mr. Meader requested that we include in the statistics requested the number or percentage of those persons who are accorded polygraph examinations and who from a medical point of view have any psychological or physiological problems. By our statement, this number or percentage is very minimal. He apparently would like to know how minimal.

5. At the close of today's session, Mr. Moss requested that Mr. Kass be furnished with a copy of General Cabell's memorandum concerning polygraph procedures, which was referenced by Mr. Bannerman during the morning.

6. The hearing adjourned at approximately 12:20 until 10:00 tomorrow morning, Thursday, 11 June. Present indications are that this hearing will continue through Friday morning.

Assistant Legislative Counsel

cc: O/Sec

Dr. John Tietjen

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